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The Honorable Steven Bradford Senate Public Safety Committee, Chair 1020 O Street, Room 545 Sacramento, CA 95814

ASSEMBLY BILL 2137 (MAIENSCHEIN) SUPPORT Senate Public Safety Committee

Dear Senator Bradford:

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office is pleased to support Assembly Bill 2137 (Maienschein).

AB 2137 would require family justice centers to provide clients with educational materials relating to gun violence restraining orders (GVRO).

The purpose of a family justice center is to ensure that victims of abuse can access all needed services in one location in order to enhance victim safety, increase offender accountability, and improve access to services.

Family justice centers already provide clients with educational materials relating to domestic violence restraining orders. AB 2137 expands protections for victims of domestic violence by ensuring that California's family justice centers have the capacity to assist victims in obtaining gun violence restraining orders against their abusers.

Our Office supports AB 2137 because it is appropriate to provide victims with information about GVROs when their abusers possess firearms or are known to have access to firearms, so they are aware of their options under the law and can make informed decisions.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Daniel Felizzatto in my Sacramento Legislative Office at (916) 442-0668.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE GASCÓN District Attorney

cc: Assembly Member Maienschein